

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): RECORDING MEDIUM FOR DATA FILE MANAGEMENT, APPARATUS FOR DATA FILE MANAGEMENT, HANDLING APPARATUS FOR IMAGE DATA, AND IMAGE CAPTURING SYSTEM

By (Inventors):

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Formal drawings (Figs. 1-24B; 23 sheets) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
 This patent application is assigned to NIKON CORPORATION.
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
 An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
 Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
 A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.
 Priority of foreign applications No. 2000-126138 filed April 26, 2000 in JAPAN, No. 2000-133735 filed May 2, 2000 in JAPAN, No. 2000-143623 filed May 16, 2000 in JAPAN and No. 2000-143624 filed May 16, 2000 in JAPAN are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
 Certified copies of the above corresponding foreign applications are filed herewith.
 This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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INDEP CLAIMS	15 - 3	= 12
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OR	x 18	\$ 306
OR	x 80	\$ 960
OR	+ 270	\$
OR	TOTAL	\$ 1976

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